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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As your new president, I would like to introduce myself to those who may not know me. I'm Chris Seuntjens, owner of Christopher's Fine Jewelry and Rare Coins in Des Moines. My goal as president is to do whatever I can to make the INA better for it's members, imporve efficiency in communication with the officers and board members and regular members, and of course keep working diligently on getting the sales tax bill passed.

I would like to express my gratitude to past president Scott Nichols and all the other previous board members for all their hard work and loyalty to the INA. Also, a special thanks to Jo Ann Peters for her all her past efforts as

Advertising Manager.

The 66th Annual INA Convention was held last October in Fort Dodge. The Fort Dodge Coin Club hosted the show and did a super job as usual. Saturday was filled with many events. There was a merit badge program for the Girl and Boy Scouts. On Saturday evening there was a wonderful banquet with fantastic food and all werer entertained by the local Barber Shop singing group. Afterwards there was a coin and currency auction. Congratulations to the Fort Dodge Coin Club for putting on an outstanding convention!

The INA already has some great improvements in efficiency and communication. We recently bought a new laptop computer for Bev Ashton to use. This will be of great assistance to her in keeping track of memberships, and so forth. The INA web site has been up and running for some time. If you haven't looked at it lately, you should check it out. Dean Parr has been doing an outstanding job as the INA web master and has made many additions and improvements. The INA web site address will be on the cover of each issue of the lowa Collector from now on.

Sales Tax Bill Update

The paramount issue the INA has been dealing with is passage of a bill to eliminate sales tax on precious metals, rare coins and currency. As of this writing, the bill is in the House Ways and Means Committee. This is the most progress we have seen so far! Enclosed you should find brochures detailing all the benefits of this bill to our industry and a sample letter. After reading it, it is important that you send a brochure to your legislators along with a personal letter. There is a link to the 2005 lowa General Assembly on the INA web site where you can find your legislators and their addresses. A follow up e-mail would be great as well.

It's extremely important that these people hear from INA members from all

around the state, so please contact them right away.

If you need more brochures or have any questions at all, please let me know. I want to hear any questions or comments you have. You can call me toll free or send an e-mail.

The Mid Iowa Coin A Rama is February 26 & 27. Hope to see you there! Sincerely, Chris Seuntjens 800-701-3123 chris@christophersjewelry.com

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Here is the picture that was in the 12-28-2004 issue of Numismatic News. I thought it might be good to put it in the lowa Collector.

Front from left: Scott Nichols (past president), Chris Seuntjens

(president), Beverly Ashton (secretary-treasurer)

Standing from left: Dean Parr (director district 2), Denny Ross (co-director district 4), Sam Ashton (director district 5), Gordon Weber (director at large), Tom Robertson (historian and director at large), Clarence Mitchell (director district 1A)

Not pictured; John Jackson (first vice president), Lee Roe (2nd vice president), Dale Dye (director), Steve Elwood (director), Doug Van Den Berg (co-director district 4), Don McColloch (director district 6), David Stark (director at large)

When and Where Iowa's Coin Clubs Meet:

Ames – Last Wednesday, Senior Citizens Center, 7:30 PM, Scott Nichols (515-232-9222)

Burlington - Last Tuesday, Midwest One Bank, Roosevelt & Division Streets, 7:30 PM, Leroy Schatz (319-752-4098)

Cedar Rapids - Third Wednesday (except July), Kuba Community Center, 1300 2nd St SE, 7:30 PM, Brian E. Fanton (319-294-4377)

Clarion - Fourth Wednesday, Pizza Ranch on Main St, 7:00 PM, Harry Peters (641-762-3735)

Decorah – First Tuesday, V.F.W. Building basement, 104 State St, 7:30 PM, Dave Sanderson (563-568-2371)

Dubuque – First Thursday, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, 360 West 11th St., 7:00 PM, Neil Aitchison (563-556-5254)

Des Moines – First Tuesday, St. Marks Episcopal Church, 3120 E 24th, 7:00 PM, Roscoe Simons (515-262-6008)

Fort Dodge - Second Thursday, ICCC Voc. Tech Bldg., 330 Ave M, 7:30 PM, Sam Ashton (515-573-3033)

Grinnell – Second Monday, Community Center (Senior Citizens Room), 7:30 PM, George Fowler (641-236-3549)

Iris City (Mt. Pleasant) – First Thursday, Breadoux Pizza, 7:30 PM, Ken Reynolds (319-385-3248)

Keokuk – Fourth Thursday (Third Thursday in Nov & Dec), Keokuk Sr. High School Library (Summers at SCC's S. Campus Student Lounge), 7:30 PM, Tom Gardner (319-524-7366)

Old Capitol (Iowa City) – Second Tuesday, Veteran's Administration Hospital (Third Floor Cafeteria), Hwy 6, 7:00 PM, Tom Robertson (319-351-2512)

Oskaloosa – Second Tuesday, Farm Bureau Building (Basement), 7:30 PM, Clarence & Gail McKee (641-672-2763)

Ottumwa – Fourth Tuesday, Colormaster Inc., 800 Gateway Dr, 7:30 PM, Owen McKee (641-684-6006)

Port City (Muscatine) – Fourth Tuesday (NO meetings June, July, Aug.), Holiday Inn, Muscatine, Hwys. 61 & 38, 7:00 PM, Jim Burr (563-262-9313)

Quad City (Moline, IL) – Third Thursday, Garden Center, 5th Ave and 34th St, 7:00 PM, Paul Cottrell (563-391-4271)

Red Oak - Second Thursday, Regency Retirement Center, 6:30 PM, Richard Trinity (712-829-2207)

Siouxland (Sioux City) – J & J Coins & Collectibles, 901 S Cecilia, John Jackson (712-274-9195)

Storm Lake – Second Tuesday, Chamber of Commerce Bldg, 119 West 6th St, 7:30 PM, Russ Post (712-284-2110)

Wadena – Third Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, IA, 7:30 PM, Dr. James E. Ralls (319-283-4440)

Waterloo/Cedar Falls – Second Tuesday, Waterloo Arts & Recreation Center, First and Commercial Streets, 7:00 PM, Dennis Emme (319-232-0662)

Webster City – First Wednesday (NO meetings June, July, Aug., Sep.), Country Kitchen, 407 Closz Drive, 7:00PM, John Porter (515-972-4407)

From the Editor

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2005 Iowa Coin Show Calendar:

Feb. 06 Tri-State Coin Show – Colts Center, 1101 Central Ave, Dubuque 9-3, \$1.00 admission

Feb. 13 Rochester, MN Coin Show - Comfort Inn 1625 S. Broadway 9-4.

Feb 26-27 Coin-A-Rama - Gates Hall, 825 15th St. Nevada, IA (9-5), (10-4)

Mar. 13 Cedar Rapids Coin Club Show – Elks Lodge, 801 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids 9-4

??Mar. 21 Port City Coin Show – Holiday Inn Juct. 61 & 38 North, Muscatine, IA 9-4

Mar. 19-20 Fort Dodge Show – Crossroads Mall, 5th Ave S & 25th St. (10-6), (10-4)

Apr. 2, 3 South Dakota State Show - Mitchell, SD, Holiday Inn

Apr. 3 Quad City Coin Club – Milan Community Center on US 67 south of 92nd Ave. 9-4

Apr. 8, 9, 10 ANA Money Show - Crown Center Exhibit Hall, Kansas City, MO

?? Apr. 16 Clarion Coin Club Show - Clarion High School. 1111 Willow Dr. 9-4

Apr. 21-24 - Chicago International Coin Fair, Holiday Inn O'Hare

May 6,7,8, Central States Coin Show – America's Cntr, St. Louis, MO 10-6, 10-6, 10-2

May. 21-22 Keokuk Coin Club Show – River City Mall 300 Main Street 10-5, 12-5

??May 22 Waterloo Coin Show – Waterloo Recreation Center W. First and Commercial Streets. 9-4

??Jun. 19 Hiawatha Coin Show – Hiawatha Community Center, 80 Centerpoint Rd. 9-3

??Jun. 25 Oskaloosa Coin Show - Penn Central Mall

Jul. 27-31 ANA World's Fair of Money - San Francisco, CA

??Aug. 13, 14 Iowa Great Lakes Show - Spirit Lake Community Center, north of Great Lakes Mall. 9-5,9-3

??Oct. 2 Decorah Coin Show - Winneshick County Fair Grounds, Decorah

Oct. 8, 9 INA Coin Show – Crowne Plaza Hotel, 350 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids 9-5,9-3

Oct. 14-16 MOON Show - Earl Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center, MN

Oct. 22 Ottumwa Coin Show - K. C. Hall, 123 West 3rd Street 9-5

??Nov. 5-6 Keokuk Coin Club Show - River City Mall.

??Nov. 12-13 Des Moines Coin Club Show – Foxboro Conference Center. 6165 NW 86th Johnston, IA just off I-80

??Dec. 11 Old Capitol Coin Club Show — Quality Inn, I-80 & Hwy 1 (exit 246), Iowa City

NOTE: ?? listings are just place holders based on 2004 shows, they are not scheduled at this point. The event date or location may change or it may be cancelled.

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Does anyone know why this commemorative was never issued?

This is from the August 1937 Numismatic Scrapbook

By Mr J.W. Harkins, secretary of the St. Paul Numismatic Association

- 1. Which of our issues of coins are called irreligious coins and why?
- 2 How long does it take for the ink to dry on our currency?
- 3. Which coin has the distinction of being the only United States coin with the portrait of a foreign monarch?
- 4. What does 2x4 mean on the Missouri half dollar?
- 5. Which of our issues was called the black sheep of our coinage?
- 6. Whose portrait is on the obverse of the Bennington half dollar?
- 7. What was the first com authorized by the Federal Congress?
- 8. Whose portraits are on the obverse of the only commemorative silver dollar

- 9. What does "E Pluribus Unum" mean?
- 10. Which country was the only one to issue a common common ting the signing of the peace after the World War?
- 11. WHat is meant by obverse?
- 12. What is meant by reverse?
- 13. WHat does VDB stand for on the 1909 cent?
- 14. What coins are called historical signposts?
- 15. What is a quarter eagle?
- 16. What coin is immortalized by Stevenson in "Treasure Island"?
- 17. What is meant by necessity money?
- 18. To what extent are our minor coins legal tender?
- 19. Which two commemorative half dollars bear the portrait of living men?
- 20. What does the word "Numismatics" mean?

ANSWERS: Don't Peek!!

- 1. Nickel because it does not have "In God We Trust."
- 2. Never really dries.
- 3. Isabella quarter.
- 4. 24th state admitted to the union.
- 5. Trade dollar.
- 6. Ira Allen
- 7. Fugio cent.
- 8. Washington and Lafayette.
- 9. One out of many.
- 10. U.S. of America.
- 11. The face of the coin containing the principal information or portrait.
- 12. Back of the coin with the lesser information.
- 13. V.D. Brenner.
- 14. Commemorative halves.
- 15. \$2.50 gold pieces.
- 16. Spanich piece of eight.
- 17. Incased postage stamps and trade tokens.
- 18. Up to 25c.
- 19. Arkansas and Lynchburg. (Remember this is from 1937)
- 20. Latin for coin.

ABANDONED TOWNS, VILLAGES & POST OFFICES IN IOWA By D.C. MOTT

This booklet is a reprint. It was originally printed in 1972 and contains information from the 1850s through 1932.

The booklet is $5 \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \frac{1}{2}$, 178 pages, it is spiral bound with blue soft covers. It contains information listing dates, locations and how information was found. Sometimes there is additional information.

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Generally represent numismatic interests throughout the State of Iowa.

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Any person between the ages of 0 and 18 years old and sponsored by a senior member may be considered for junior membership. Junior members may not hold office, but may vote for elective officers. Dues to be \$2.00 per year.

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Officers are elected every two years by membership vote, by mail ballot, and take office at the annual convention following the election. Officers consist of 16 members, including the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Secretary/Treasurer, the immediate Past-President, and 11 Directors.

The annual membership meeting is held each year at the lowa Numismatic Association's Annual Convention in the fall.

The Iowa Collector, the official bulletin, is published three times each year and sent to each member. The I.N.A., upon request, will help the heirs of any member in good standing find a qualified person or persons, in his or her area, to appraise an estate.

For further information about the I.N.A. contact any member, director or officer. An application has been enclosed with this issue of The lowa Collector. To join fill it in and send it along with your check to:

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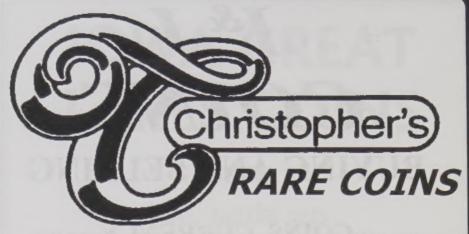
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